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Mr. Mike McKeever, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. McKeever:

SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for SACOG's 2035 MTP

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for the Sacramento Area Council of Government's (SACOG) 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) that was submitted by your letter dated March 24, 2008. A joint FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination for the MTP is required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Part 93, and the FHWA/FTA *Metropolitan Planning Rule*, 23 CFR Part 450.

The SACOG adopted the 2035 MTP and made the corresponding conformity determination on March 20, 2008. The documentation submitted to FHWA and FTA by SACOG indicates that the 2035 MTP has met all metropolitan transportation planning and air quality conformity requirements. Based on our review, we find that the 2035 MTP does conform to the applicable state implementation plan(s) in accordance with the provisions of the transportation conformity and metropolitan planning regulations.

In accordance with the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination. This finding has also been coordinated with Region 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000, and the *Transportation Conformity Rule*.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA's single signature constitutes the joint FHWA and FTA air quality conformity determination for SACOG's 2035 MTP. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Steve Luxenberg with the FHWA at (916) 498-5066.

Sincerely,

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